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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of printing limited edition stamps from a plurality of different printers, the limited edition stamps each having a unique ID, comprising the steps of:

allocating a selected number of said unique IDs to one of said plurality of different printers; and

printing said selected number of limited edition stamps with said unique IDs by said one printer.

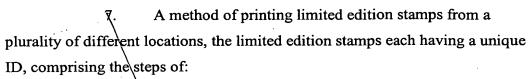
- 2. A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

  ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and said printing occurring at a second location.
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  A method according to claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

  said limited edition being picked up at said second location.
- 4. A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

  ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and forwarding said limited edition stamps to a second location.
- 5. A method according to claim 4 wherein said forwarding said limited edition stamps comprising mailing said limited edition stamps to designated location.
- 6. A method according to claim 5 wherein said designated location is the address of a purchaser of said limited edition stamps.



allocating said unique IDs for a selected number of limited edition stamps to one location of said plurality of different locations; and printing\said selected number of limited edition stamps at said one location.

8. A method according to claim 7 further comprising the steps of: ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and said printing occurring at a second location.

method/ascording to claim 8 further comprising the steps 9. said limited edition being picked up at said second location.

A method according to claim 7 further comprising the steps 10. of: ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and forwarding said limited edition stamps to a second location.

A method according to claim 10 wherein said forwarding 11. said limited edition stamps comprising mailing said limited edition stamps to designated location.

> limited edition stamp comprising: 12.

a first indicia identifying said limited edition stamps as being a limited edition;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition stamp.

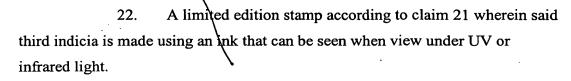
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A limited edition stamp according to claim 13 wherein said first indicia is visible.

- 15. A limited edition stamp according to claim 13 wherein said unique ID identifies that said limited edition stamp one out of a predetermined camount.
- 16. A limited edition stamp according to claim 12 said second indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.
- 17. A limited edition stamp according to claim 16 wherein said second indicia is not capable of being scanned.
- 18. A limited edition stamp according to claim 17 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when view under UV or infrared light.
- 19. A limited edition stamp according to claim 12 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying the printer and/or location where said limited edition stamp was printed.
- 20. A limited edition stamp according to claim 19 wherein said third indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.
- 21. A limited edition stamp according to claim 20 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned.



23. A sheet of limited edition stamps, each stamp comprising: a first indicia identifying said limited edition stamps as being a limited edition;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition stamp.

24. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 23 wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID.

A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 24 wherein said first indicia is visible.

- 26. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 24 wherein said unique ID identifies that said limited edition stamp one out of a predetermined amount.
- 27. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 23 said second indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.
- 28. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 27 wherein said second indicia is not capable of being scanned.
- 29. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 28 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when view under UV or infrared light.

- 30. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 23 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying the printer and/or location where said limited edition stamp was printed.
- 31. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 30 wherein said third indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.
- 32. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 31 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned.
- 33. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 32 wherein said third indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when view under UV or infrared light.

